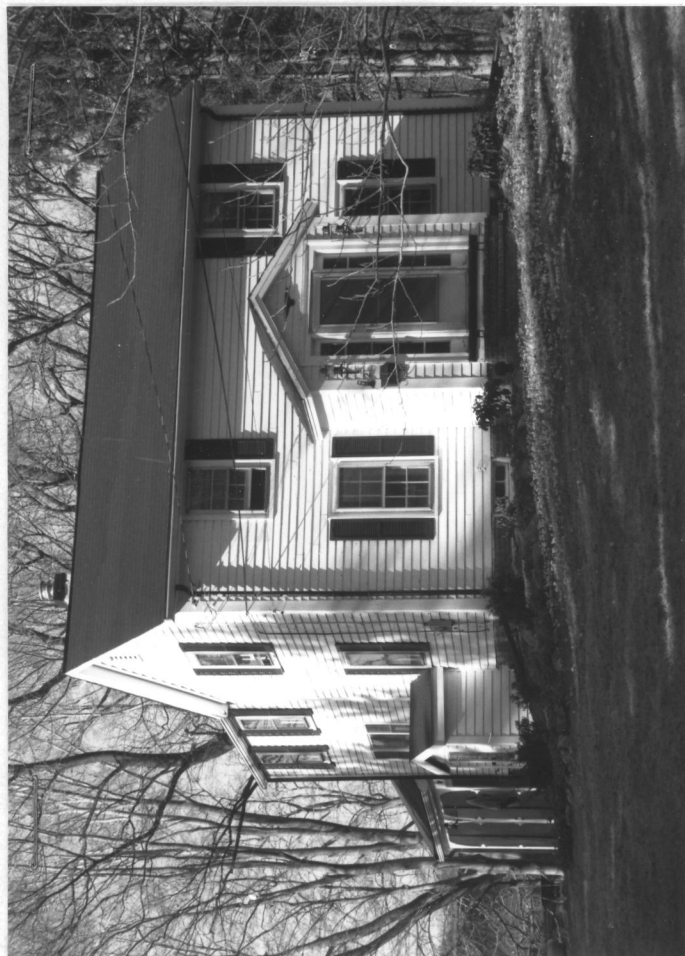


## FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Boston N.

764

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 21 Larchmont Ln.

Historic Name William Wood House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1855

Source Tuttle list; Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form Italianate

Architect/Builder David A. Tuttle

Exterior Material:

Foundation Brick

Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Attached garage

Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear additions (dates unknown)

Condition Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 0.6 A.

Setting On a quiet side street with a commercial area below it at the back



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) April 1998

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

## BUILDING FORM

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

21 Larchmont Ln. is one of a number of three-bay side-gabled Italianate farmhouses in Lexington but is distinguished by having been built by one of Lexington's most prominent 19th-century builders. The house is rectangular, two stories, three-by-one bays, and side-gabled with one rear chimney. The house is set on a brick foundation, clad with wood clapboards, and roofed with asphalt shingles. A two-bay rear addition is on a fieldstone foundation and to it is attached a side-gabled two-car garage. In the reentrant angle is a small one-story shed-roofed addition with a very tall chimney. The enclosed center entrance has full-length sidelights; windows are 6/6 double hung sash.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

Lexington assessors' records indicate this house was built in 1855 for William Wood, a fact verified by David A. Tuttle's 1904 list of houses he had built in Lexington. It may seem surprising that Tuttle, one of Lexington's most prominent 19th-century builders, would construct such a modest house at the same time he was erecting high-style houses such as those at **22 Hancock St. (MHC #106)**, **315 Lincoln St. (MHC #598)**, and **225 Waltham St. (MHC #460)**. But Tuttle evidently also built more modest houses; other vernacular examples of his work are at **23 Revere St. (MHC #760)** and **410 Marrett Rd. (MHC #642)**. William Wood was a farmer and sold the house in 1866. It was acquired in 1873 by Charles Bacon, also a farmer, and he owned it into the 20th century.

### BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*